

Shorebird Poodles Puppy Questionnaire

Owning a dog is a big commitment. These puppies need to be placed in the most appropriate environment. Standard poodles are capable of becoming a marvellous dog for you if you can provide training, leadership, healthcare, coat care, exercise, understanding and a good home. It is expected that you will have the resources for basic puppy Obedience classes, food, vet bills, dewormers, tick/flea mediations, grooming, immunizations and local licensing. All dogs require significant upkeep costs, and all are subject to highly expensive veterinary emergencies. You may want to carry a health insurance plan on your puppy. Please take this time to consider your resources and lifestyle before committing to a puppy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province/State: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How did you find out about our puppies? _____

Date: _____

Do you want a male or female puppy? Why? _____

What colour do you prefer? Black _____ White _____ Doesn't Matter _____

NOTE: WE DO NOT GUARANTEE COLOUR OR GENDER PREFERENCES FOR PETS.

Have you had any experiences with poodles or other dog breeds? Please describe your dog experiences.

Standard Poodles thrive on companionship and will become deeply attached and devoted to his own family. They will want to be in the same room, on a comfortable pad/bed/cushion of their own just keeping you company. They enjoy conversation, petting and cuddling when it is offered. Please describe how you will share your life and home with your Standard Poodle!

Standard Poodles are intelligent, eager to please, and need mental stimulation. Basic obedience and household rules training is required during puppyhood, preferably before 8 months old. It would be expected that the puppy would attend one or two 6 - 8 week series of weekly lessons at a local obedience club or with a professional trainer, and to doing one or two short (5 to 10 minutes) homework sessions per day. As commands are learned, they must be integrated into your daily life by being used whenever appropriate, and enforced consistently in order to be retained. Training should not be delegated to someone else because the relationship of respect and obedience is personal between the dog and the individual who does the training. During Covid-19, look for Positive Dog Training videos on-line/you-tube/books. Please describe your training plan.

Do you plan on training and/or trialing and competing your Standard Poodle in Nosing, Agility, Obedience, Herding, and Therapy or do you have any other goals?

Poodle hair constantly grows and needs to be kept short so it stays mat-free. For that reason, they require professional grooming every 4 to 6 weeks plus nail trims. Depending on which trim you put your poodle in, for "pet" grooming, you should expect to spend about 5 -10 minutes a day (e.g. while listening to music or watching television) on alternate days or half an hour twice a week. If your Standard Poodle gets into burrs or other coat-adhering vegetation, you could be in for an hour or more of remedial work. Please describe your grooming plan.

It would be expected that the puppy/dog gets suitable exercise each day. All dogs need daily exercise to maintain the health of their heart and lungs and maintain muscle tone. Your mature Standard Poodle will need a morning outing (preferably of at least one mile or more), as you walk briskly or jog beside him (or free running where the dog can safely work harder than you do), and a similar evening outing. For puppies, shorter and slower walks, several times a day are preferred for exercise. Please describe your exercise plan.

Whether you live in the country or a city, no dog can be left to run "free" outside your fenced property without your direct supervision and control. The price of such "freedom" is inevitably injury or death. It would be expected that your dog will have access to a fenced in backyard. Please describe your backyard area.

Has everyone in your household agreed to the purchase of this Standard Poodle puppy? Please describe your household, how you will meet the needs of your puppy with your work schedules and how long the puppy will be left alone on average every day.

Please describe other pets in the home and how you will prepare them for the new puppy. Are all the dogs in your home spayed or neutered? If they are, are you willing to provide proof of such from a veterinarian in writing?

Will you be willing to crate train your puppy?

Please provide me with 2 references, preferably one from a breeder, veterinarian or trainer. Please give me a letter of reference or phone numbers. Other than from immediate family. Please specify their relationship with you.

Have you reviewed the sales contract? Are you able to abide by this agreement? Do you have any questions concerning this contract?

Are you willing to travel to Camlachie (near Sarnia) to pick up your puppy? Yes___ No___